



Staff Council Agenda - Minutes

Overview

Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 17, 2020	Time:	1:00 - 3:00	Location:	Webex
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Meeting Leader:	Carreras, Alexandra	Timekeeper:	Frank Aversa
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Attendance:

Participants:					
Aversa, Frank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bracero, Isabel C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carreras, Alexandra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clarke, Dominique	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cotrina, Marisela	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cox, Allison K.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cuzzola, Gabriella M.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Garcia, Julio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Herrera, Cecille	<input type="checkbox"/>
Howard, Jasmine E.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Knight, Meaghan O'Connor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lawson, Ian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Llado-Wrzos, Michelle L.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reyes, Nisha	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Screen-Reddick, Noelle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sims, Deborah	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staromiejska, Ewa K.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stickna, Philip G.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vin, Priyadarshini G.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Meeting Purpose:	Meeting of the University Staff Council
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Preparation:	Review any Staff Council related documents e-mailed prior. Bring copies to the meeting.
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Time	Agenda Item(s)	Process/Responsible Parties
12:50 p.m.	Webex start	Aversa, Frank
1:00 p.m.	Meeting Start, Welcome to New Year	Carreras, Alexandra
	Welcome and Introductions of new board.	
1:15 p.m.	Committee Members and Vacant Positions, and reports -- Discussion on vacant possitions call for volunteers	
	Campus Life	Cotrina, Marisela
	Facilities	Garcia, Julio
	Human Resources	Clarke, Dominique
		Reyes, Nisha
		Bracero, Isabel
		VACANT
	Info Systems & Communications	O'Connor-Knight, Meaghan
	Finance	Stickna, Phil
	Faculty Senate	VACANT
	Strategic Planning Steering	Sims, Deborah
	University Senate	VACANT
		VACANT
	Staff Council Election Committee	Screen-Reddick, Noelle
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		VACANT
	Pandemic Steering Subcommittee	???
2:00 p.m.	Open Action Items	Carreras, Alexandra

2:10 p.m.	New Action Items	Carreras, Alexandra
2:30 p.m.	Review of Action Items	Aversa, Frank
3:00 p.m.	Meeting Ajourns	Carreras, Alexandra

- Topic 1 Allison discussed the Covid Survival program, she is on response team. Please respond and volunteer if you can.
There was a question about test results being batch. This is not batch testing it is an individual test.
- Topic 2 Enrollment was only down by 2%. This is good news. About 1200 students are in residence on campus.
- Topic 3 Finance Committee meets 9/25/2020
HR Committee meets 9/25/2020 at 1:30 PM
University Senate meets 9/30/2020

Status	Action to be Taken	Responsible	Due Date
OPEN 202005	Will the WEC & Honors gyms reopen for the Fall? There are talks on other areas not normally used for class to hold classes. This may possibly affect the gyms.	TBD	
	Update 9/17/2020 - Open for Athletics not open to public. Fitness Center Open to students with reservations. Basketball and some tennis courts closed used for classes. Are there any services open for staff? Ask about gym at HR Meeting.?	HR Committee	
OPEN 202005	Concerns about the feeling on campus upon return after passing away of employees. Will there be a memorial service for all?	Staci/Human Resources	
	Update 9/17/2020 - Meeting for HR at end of month to discuss	Allison and Alexandra to follow up after meeting	
OPEN	Parking Issues - Is there a way to give public transportation an incentive for employees. Perhaps a state employee discount with NJ Transit? - Update: Have to figure cost of University vs how many employees are interested. Wait for new HR VP.	Human Resources	
	Update 9/17/2020 - No Updates address at HR Meeting		
OPEN	Hard to make left turns from New St to MLK by the Fenster Deck, and also from New St to Lock St near STPG. Can Public Safety direct traffic in these areas? - Per DC Kevin Kesselman an officer will be posted on New St & MLK as well as New St & Wilsey from 4:30pm to 5:30pm Monday-Friday, unless something comes up as Public Safety is short staffed and they need to maintain safety on campus. An officer will also remain at the Lock St/New St crossing. Update: This has been done, but making the turns is still difficult. Ian Lawson will bring this to Public Safety Lt's attention.	Public Safety	
	Update 9/17/2020 - Traffic is low, keep open for phase 3 when more people on campus and rediscuss.		
OPEN	The campus was very icy on 12/19/19 and left unsalted in several areas. Update: Salting/cleaning of the area across Central Ave by Lot 12 is done by the City of Newark, not NJIT Facilities Services. However, the entrance ways to GITC on Central Ave were also very icy as well, and not addressed until late in the day.	Nisha will email Ron Martucci & Charlie Nieves	
	Update 9/27/2020 - Will readdress when the weather gets colder		
OPEN	How close is NJIT to being a smoke free campus? Update: We are not close at all to achieving this. There are a lot of moving pieces to this. In fact it is hard for state run colleges/universities in NJ to achieve this (even though Essex CC is smoke free). We have unions and HR to consider in this process as well. Dean Boger is actively looking for alternative ideas on this topic.	Priya Vin/Campus Life	
	Update 9/17/2020 - Not a smoke free campus, is less of a priority in Covid time		
OPEN	A couple of retirees have mentioned that they've lost access to Pipeline. That means they've lost their ability to get the electronic delivery of pay stubs and W2's for tax purposes. In one case, an Alumnus who recently retired was completely disabled preventing access to the email for life for Alumni. The issue is related to progress with the Identity Management Project in IST. Certain specific roles have either not been defined or not rolled out yet (like Retiree+Alum). Also, both retirees commented that they would have appreciated some sort of exit interview where items like this were covered. Can an offboarding process be made standard? Update: Pipeline access is connected to active job assignments. No exit interviews are required. Wait for new HR VP.	HR Committee/Info Systems Committee	

	Update 9/27/2020 - No updates to access, brought to information systems my have been related to not claiming ID, is it IT, or status in HR.	HR Committee/Info Systems Committee	
OPEN (EXTENDED)	Can Staff Council members serve on the Presidential Search Committee? - Nisha emailed Fadi. Gabby emailed Peggy and was told there is no Presidential Search at this time. Keep open until we get more info.	Nisha Reyes; Gabby Cuzzola	
	Update 9/17/2020 - Keep open for additional information		
OPEN (EXTENDED)	<p>The Council would like to see the creation of a bank where we can donate sick time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Lauren Rubitz said this is in progress. * Still being worked on. Policy needs to be approved by unions; Staci/Nisha will follow up * Negotiating has started with unions. <p>There is a new NJ Earned Sick Leave Law that will be in effect soon. As the university discusses any changes that will need to be made regarding the law, we will not be moving forward with the donated sick leave policy at this time.</p> <p>Not sure how the law relates to the sick bank.</p> <p>Need more info.</p> <p>Keep open until the new law is reviewed by HR -Update: Lauren Rubitz spoke on this. Sick bank still needs to be reviewed at next Staff Council meeting.</p>	HR Committee	
Closed 9/27/2020	Update 9/17/2020 - Linked to sta law, basically told no. Motion to CLose Item, Dominique 1st, Julio 2nd Item Closed		
CLOSED 202002	Staff Council distribution list needs to be updated. Update: Done. Just need to update with new members Noelle & Ian.	Gabby Cuzzola/Staci Mongelli	
CLOSED 202002	Many of the "Management and Staff Academy" Programs offered by HR are for managers only. Some employees who are not in managerial positions would also be interested in attending these programs. Update: Bob Lazer is addressing it. The manager programs are very specific to current managers. In Fall 2020 some supervisor programs will be opened to more people.	HR Committee	
CLOSED 202001	Can the entrance to the Parking Deck on Summit be switched (exit in front of entrance)? Update: The policy is the queue for line of cars entering the deck should be on NJIT property. If the exit & entrance were reversed the queue would expand to ECC property. Also if the exit gates were moved inward in the deck to eliminate this queue, spaces would be lost. There would also be a significant cost to reverse all the space lines, signage, eltronics, etc in the deck. Rob Gjini will attend the next meeting Jan 16th, 2020 to answer any parking questions.	Mike Dabrowski	
CLOSED 201912	Staff needs more info on student activities. - Employees can email studentlife@njit.edu and ask to be added to the newsletter mailing list. Also info on Highlander Hub at https://njit.campuslabs.com/engage/.	Nisha Reyes	
CLOSED 201911	Weight Watchers on campus can't advertise and therefore can't run. What can we do? -Spoke to Keyannah Watkins of Ethics. Some employees do not want email ads, but it is OK to post sign up sheets around campus.	Staci Mongelli	
CLOSED 201911	Robocalls to campus phones -Update: This is being actively investigated. Blocking calls is being tested.	Frank Aversa	
CLOSED 201911	All state employees with AETNA medical insurance are being switched to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield. Most employees were unaware of this and it's effects. - All PSA employees received email notifications. New insurance cards will be sent by Horizon mid-December.	Nisha will talk to Holly & Annie	
CLOSED 201911	Is there any possibility of child & pet day care on campus? Can students be of service either as student worker programs or stress relief? - Pet day care is not possible at this time.	HR Committee	
CLOSED 201910	No EMS/EMT Public Safety officer on campus. There was an incident where an employee was very sick and needed medical attention. The officer showed up but did not have supplies/did not know CPR, etc. Do cell phone calls to 911 from NJIT redirect to Public Safety? -Update: Lt. Villani spoke on this. Info included above in the Agenda Items.	Staci will reach out to Public Safety	

CLOSED 201910	Part-time employees are parking in the deck without paying for parking -Update: All full-time & part-time NJIT employees on payroll who register for parking get 0.4% deductions from salary. Outside agency temps pay the student part-time rate of \$195 per semester. In cases where an outside agency temp is expected to become an official NJIT employee in short time, the dept may request to temporarily waive the parking fee until the person is onboarded, so payroll deductions can be paid instead of the flat semester fee. There are only a few cases of this. Mike will also invite Rob Gjini to the next meeting to speak on any other parking concerns.	Viola Clyburn; Mike Dabrowski	
CLOSED 201910	There is only one lactation room on campus. Would like to request an additional location at Faculty Hall/Tiernan Hall. Only one room is required on campus. It is very small & not maintained well. No sanitizer or sink. Needs a cleaning schedule & sink added. -Update: EDC3 at 211 Warren St also has a lactation room. We will follow up on this issue again once the new VP of Human Resources is named.	Nisha Reyes	
CLOSED 201909	Rutgers-Newark speed bumps - Elizabeth will share this information with her contact - William Yarzab - NJTPA to see if this is something that can be looked into. -Update: Per Andrew Christ, speed bumps have not been explored yet, but the city has promised to perform a study and consider improvements to the MLK & Central Ave intersection (the long crosswalk where both Central Ave & Sussex St converge). Public Safety will be doing a targeted campaign against "jay walking" around the NJIT campus. William Yarzab of NJTPA provided the website www.BeStreetSmartNJ.org for NJIT to utilize their program materials & social media postings.	Elizabeth Limbrick	
CLOSED 201909	Recycling Initiatives @ NJIT - Contact Mike Dabrowski about adding a statement on School Dude about the recycling process on campus. Contact Facilities Services about creating flier/communication to NJIT about the recycling process that NJIT uses. -Update: Trash & recyclables should be separated. Order bins via work order in School Dude.	Deborah Sims	
CLOSED 201909	Discounts at Rutgers Tech Store. Can NJIT employees be eligible? Spoke to Purchasing. A concern is our contract with Follett at NJIT Benefits area has been in touch with the store and we hope to have more info to come	Staci Mongelli	
CLOSED 5/30/19	Include quality of work concerns & staff development. There is not enough staff support & training. There should be mandated training for supervisors. This information will be shared with the HR Committee. -Update: Bob Lazer & Todd Miller spoke on the Challenges in the Workplace survey feedback.	HR Committee	
CLOSED 201909	How often are the water fountain filters changed? Per Bill Marx, Facilities are notified about filter changes. Please enter a work order if issues are noticed. Will speak further to Bill Marx on how often they are changed -Update: Todd Miller will look into this. Update: Need do a work request when you see a yellow light - Mark Massa	Priya Vin	
CLOSED 5/30/19	There are no women's bathrooms on the 2nd floor of Tiernan Hall. Mark Massa said it is in the works to possibly convert the 2nd floor men's room to a women's room * Estimated quote of \$10,000 to convert 2nd floor men's room to women's room. More info to come. This seems to be in the works, but no certain date set yet. - Update: 2nd fl men's room changed to a women's room. Signage updated. Next step is to make renovations/improvements.	Mark Massa	
CLOSED 4/26/19	Construction workers parking on both sides of Bleeker St including the sidewalk and handicap spaces. Update: Reported to Public Safety and rectified temporarily, but workers continue to park here. There has also been a crane parking in 2 handicap spaces.	Karen Quackenbush	
CLOSED 4/26/19	Bob Lazer's Great Colleges to Work For survey, please ask your areas to share any morale concerns. Gabby created a survey monkey, which was emailed to Staff Council members. Update: Karen will send feedback per survey to the HR Committee/Bob Lazer & Chitra Iyer.	Gabby Cuzzola & HR Committee (Mihaela, Nisha, Viola & Ewa)	

CLOSED 3/21/19	ALICE Training numbers are low. Encourage your areas to complete the training online. Update: Info was sent to all areas to complete training. CLOSED.	Staci Mongelli	
CLOSED 3/21/19	No Smoking signs requested in the Fenster Level 2 parking deck. Update: This was reported as completed. Call Public Safety if people are not obeying the signs. A work order will also be entered to remove ashtrays from Eberhardt Alley. CLOSED.	Priya Vin	
CLOSED 2/21/19	Issues with hiring work study students. The system we have for this is not effective Rich mtg w/ Dave Ullman Monday, Oct 29th. * Dave Ullman stepping down. Blake Hoggerty will replace him. We will invite Steve Harrel to a Staff Council meeting for more info on work-study student hiring process. Send concerns to Karen who will pass them to Steve Harrel No concerns passed on to Karen - Close	Rich Martinez	
CLOSED 2/21/19	25Live concerns/Karen will ask Gabby for the manual she created 25Live guide was emailed.	Karen Quackenbush	
CLOSED 2/21/19	Provost Area still needs another rep for SC Karen will check to see who the person with the next highest votes was Frank Aversa of Telecom has joined Staff Council.	Karen Quackenbush	
CLOSED 12/20/18	Trouble with readers at Summit St Deck. ID cards are not swiping properly. Gates do not always open. * Faulty reader was replaced. Still some reports of trouble at the right side of Deck entrance gates at 154 Summit St. Will investigate the readers further. May be issues with ID cards. * Readers are being watched for errors. All looks well. If problems, please come to the Photo ID Office for ID card replacement. CLOSED action item.	Mike Dabrowski	
CLOSED 12/20/18	Encourage all areas to take ALICE training. Email was sent on Nov 12th.	Staci Mongelli	
CLOSED 12/20/18	Pedestrian safety concerns after passing of student. City needs to be coordinated with to slow traffic. Possibility of speed bumps implemented. Follow up with Andrew Christ & Mark Cyr of Public Safety. * Update per email sent on 11/30: Andrew contacted the County Engineer & the City of Newark Traffic and Signals Dept. Dr. Bloom spoke with the County Executive & will speak with Mayor Baraka soon. Public Safety is increasing patrols with their traffic unit and enforcement of speed limits around the area of the campus. They already conducted a "Cops in Crosswalks" initiative and will be doing a "Traffic Safety" event on Central Avenue in early December. Encourage everyone to cross at signalized intersections and use marked crosswalks. Continue work with our County and City partners to improve traffic safety around the NJIT campus and enforce the traffic regulations through proactive policing. * "Cops in Crosswalks" initiative done 3 to 4 times a semester. CLOSED action item.	Elizabeth Limbrick & Staci Mongelli	
CLOSED 11/29/18	Non-NJIT job ads for students (babysitting, etc) - How is it best to get this info to them? Contact Amber Danku or Kristie Damell for commuters; Karen for Res-Life students. CLOSED action item.	Priya Vin	
CLOSED 11/29/18	Letter on salary increase does not state exactly how much the increase was. * This was sent to everyone on Sunday, 10/28.	Karen Quackenbush	
CLOSED 11/29/18	Contractor vehicles parked all the time on Bleeker St sidewalk by SOM. Take pictures if seen and send to Karen, who will follow up with Public Safety. * Most of Bleeker St is closed for construction. CLOSED action item.	Karen Quackenbush	

CLOSED 11/29/18	<p>Amazon & UPS delivering packages to wrong locations if main mailroom address is not used. Joe Myers & Stan Stec of Purchasing should be contacted to better advise delivery persons. Create signs in lounges to direct where items should be delivered.</p> <p>* The mailroom said that the correct address for packages is: -Your Name & Department (or Your Name & Building address) -c/o NJIT Mailroom -136 Bleeker St. -University Heights -Newark, NJ 07102. Please encourage use of this. CLOSED action item.</p>	Priya Vin	
CLOSED 11/29/18	<p>The Campus Center staff get constant complaints about the 1st floor Campus Center bathroom</p> <p>* They are checked/cleaned throughout the day. The main complaint is water on the sink counters. The issue is poor faucets not distributing enough water. Mark entered a work order for plumbing.</p> <p>* Bathrooms are cleaned 5 times a day. Plumber looked at faucets as well. CLOSED action item</p>	Mark Massa/Ewa Staromiejska	
CLOSED 11/29/18	<p>Faculty/Staff Dining & Campus Center microwaves Nisha and Jasmine are meeting with Dr. Boger about the microwaves</p> <p>* Facilities ordered new microwaves. Mark will follow up. GDS said to e-mail any suggestions to them.</p> <p>* Viola notified Karen that GDS and Facilities are both pointing at each other on this issue.</p> <p>* Karen met with Dave Arluna & Henry R. Facilities will be responsible for cleaning once a night but were only cleaned the first few days after the meeting. Karen will follow up w/Henry. Encourage use of Faculty/Staff Dining microwaves</p> <p>* Microwaves are being cleaned by Facilities once a day. One faulty microwave is being replaced. CLOSED action item.</p>	Karen Quackenbush	
CLOSED 1/24/19	<p>Faculty Dining Room menu selection needs improvement along with the presentation of food choice.</p> <p>* Online menu not yet available, but being worked on. Dave Arluna to speak with Marybeth Boger about the presentation of food and dining room improvements</p> <p>* Dave Arluna said to email him with suggestions. Nisha will also ask if it is possible for emails to be sent out from GDS informing employees of menu</p> <p>* Continue to reach out to Dave Arluna with menu suggestions</p>	Nisha Reyes/Jasmine Howard	
CLOSED 1/24/19	<p>Food Pantry - Meetings have taken place with various staff who may be involved in the process; meeting with Dr. Boger</p> <p>* There is now a formal committee with staff, GDS, Campus Life, and student representatives.</p> <p>* NJIT Homecoming will focus on this as a donation. Meeting on June 8 to discuss. Homecoming is October 13 and all staff are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>* Jasmine reached out to Marybeth Boger, awaiting reply. Goods collected at Homecoming. Food pantry will be in CC room 478.</p> <p>* Dr. Sharon Morgan & Kristie Damell are the new contacts. Food was collected at Homecoming but pantry is not running yet. More info to come.</p> <p>Kristie Damell and Sharon Morgan are leading the pantry initiative. Amber Danku will assist with day-to-day pantry operations. Possible late January 2019 opening, with appointment only to start. Questions about the Food Pantry can be sent to foodpantry@njit.edu.</p> <p>Immediate Needs being accepted in 485 Campus Center (Non-Perishable and Non-Expired): Rice, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Fruit, Oatmeal, Peanut butter, Jelly, Applesauce, Snacks, Canned Meats, Bottled Water, Hygiene items, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Tissue Paper, Paper Towels.</p> <p>Opening Ceremony on 1/25/19 @ 1pm</p> <p>Suggestion made to have donation boxes in different locations around campus (Offices, etc) which can be picked up weekly</p>	Jasmine Howard/Nisha Reyes	

CLOSED 1/24/19	<p>Wi-Fi issues throughout the campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Dave Ullman mtg w/ Senate (more info later). If problems, call the Help Desk or contact Pete Teklinski and give the IP address, time & location. Res-Life lounges are bad spots for WiFi, but rooms seem to be OK. * Info is being gathered to get a scope of the work needed to upgrade WiFi in Res-Life lounges. 	Rich Martinez	
CLOSED 1/24/19	<p>Garbage not picked up in Kupfrian Advising Success Center when staff member responsible is out. Per Ewa, call Facilities Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Custodian is reminded to pick up garbage every day. Follow up next meeting. 	Ewa Staromiejska	
CLOSED 1/24/19	<p>Very old job openings still posted on HR website should be removed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Spoke to Chitra Iyer. Let Staci know of any old job openings and she will take them down. * No update. Inform Staci of old job postings. 	Nisha Reyes	
CLOSED 1/24/19	<p>Ask Chitra Iyer what was discussed at the Mayor's emergency meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Snow storm of Nov 15th was discussed. Talks of setting up a task force of Newark local business employees for future plan. 	Staci Mongelli	